

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF UP2US

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Up2Us—a leader in sports based youth development—on the occasion of its annual awards ceremony for its Coach of the Year contest to be held here in Washington, D.C.

Up2Us is leading a national movement to advance sports as a tool for addressing the critical issues facing youth in this nation, including childhood obesity, academic failure and anti-social behavior.

Up2Us accomplishes this by supporting a national network of nearly 500 member organizations operating in all fifty states. Together, these organizations serve 25 million youth through both traditional and non-traditional sports. As one way of serving this network, Up2Us launched an initiative called Coach Across America.

The Up2Us Coach Across America (CAA) program is an AmeriCorps program that represents the first nationwide effort to mobilize a workforce to promote positive youth development through sports. In partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service and Nike, CAA coaches use sports as a means to promote health and nutrition, education success, civic engagement and personal and social development among youth in some of the nation's poorest neighborhoods.

Last year, CAA placed 250 AmeriCorps members to serve as coaches in 105 youth programs across 20 states to work with more than 35,000 kids. In exchange for college tuition awards and a living stipend, coaches completed a total of 170,000 service hours (equivalent to \$3.5 million in national service), recruited over 1000 program volunteers, connected roughly 500 new parents to their respective programs and conducted more than 250 service-learning projects totaling 35,000 hours of youth volunteer service effort.

The 35,000 kids served by CAA coaches have access to the programs they need for their full development; are provided a safe place to acquire new knowledge and skills; gain a heightened sense of competency and self-respect through working to make a difference in their communities; build relationships with caring adult role models; develop leadership skills on and off the field; and have a better understanding of healthy eating and the importance of physical activity and exercise.

In recognition of the powerful role that coaches have on the lives of youth, Up2Us runs an annual contest—Coach of the Year—to honor the unsung heroes who devote their lives to the positive development of youth through sports.

Mr. Speaker, as Up2Us and its participating members honor the winners of this year's

Coach of the Year contest, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating this year's finalists. They are among a distinguished group of individuals dedicated to improving the lives of our youth through sport.

Renato is the Executive Director of Access Youth Academy. He came to San Diego to join Access Youth Academy (formerly Surf City Squash) in May of 2007 from Harvard University where he was the Assistant Coach of the squash team. Originally from Brazil, Renato was a Brazilian Junior Champion and a top junior in South America. He represented his home country on the national team as its captain. Now, he is a role model, teacher and coach to hundreds of urban youth in San Diego.

Lisa Hawk is the Exercise & Health Science Department Chair, Athletic Director and lacrosse coach at the Preuss School at UCSD. The Preuss School is a nationally recognized school that serves a low income diverse population. Lisa is an advocate for sports as a tool for positive youth development and is changing lives through her work. Her athletes recognize how special Lisa is: "She sees the potential in each of her players and does not quit until that spark she sees within us is released for the public eye to see. She has helped me through the turbulence of a teenage life to the hectic lifestyle at home and has given me a comfortable place to go as well as someone to turn to."

Ktrice McNeill is the 2011 Coach Across America Coach of the Year recipient. Ktrice recently completed his year of service coaching basketball at Edenwald Community Center in New York. Ktrice is a NY native influenced by his parents who reminded him daily that "without education you have nothing." Growing up in an inner city where gang violence and drugs were prevalent, Ktrice understands first-hand that "sports give me and other young people in my community a safe haven to feel secure and feel like there's not a care in the world." As a coach, Ktrice aims to use his voice to teach young people that "failure is not an option."

Faye Stevens-Jett is a Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director at Morton School of Excellence in Chicago, Illinois. For the past eleven years, she has coached double dutch, cheerleading, and pom-pom. In addition to her many city championships, she has impacted many young lives through her work. Faye received several nominations highlighting her work ethic and commitment to her students: "Faye goes above and beyond the call of duty to make sure her students have the things they need. She is consistently incredible."

I also want to recognize Up2Us' entire staff of employees and volunteers. They are all to be commended for their work to keep Up2Us the vibrant and strong organization that it remains today; I extend to all of them my best wishes for many more successful years ahead. Indeed they are demonstrating that advancing the lives of our youth is a team sport.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my heartfelt congratulations to the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their upcoming centennial anniversary of becoming the first democracy in Asia on October 10, 1911. The annual celebration of this event is known as "Double Ten Day," and celebrates the start of the Wuchang Uprising which established the Republic of China.

Since the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Taiwan has been a true friend and long term ally with the United States. Both the U.S. and Taiwan have maintained strong trade ties stemming from our close friendship; I hope these ties continue to advance and expand in the future.

Alaskan and Taiwanese relations are also close as Taiwan is the only country with whom Alaska has a codified relationship agreement. In 2004, leaders from both Alaska and Taiwan established the Taiwan-Alaska Trade and Investment Cooperation Council to further extend collaboration between Alaska and Taiwan. Because of this collaboration, both Alaska and Taiwan have greatly benefitted from the many cultural exchanges, and improved trade and transport relations. In fact, in 2010, Taiwan was Alaska's 16th largest export power and received \$23 million in exports including forest products, energy, and machinery. However, since 2008, Alaska has exported \$143 million to Taiwan making it Alaska's 9th largest trading partner over the last 3 years.

I would like to congratulate Taiwan on its 100th anniversary and thank them for their role as an important strategic ally of the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S CENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, the Republic of China will celebrate its Centennial National Day. The United States of America and Taiwan enjoy a close and strong relationship based on shared democratic values and free market economies.

While welcome, the improved relations between the two sides does not eliminate the need for the United States to continue to help Taiwan's defense capabilities under the Taiwan Relations Act. Based on that act, the United States should continue to aid Taiwan in replacing its aging air force. According to the

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most recent Department of Defense report on Taiwan's military power, China currently enjoys air superiority over Taiwan.

In recent decades, we witnessed how Taiwan evolved from authoritarian rule to a vibrant democracy. Taiwan also has been a reliable political, economic and cultural ally of the United States. In recent years, Taiwan has been very strong in cooperating with us against global terrorism.

It is also my view that we must continue to support Taiwan's participation in global affairs by supporting Taiwan and its 23,000,000 people in becoming a member of the United Nations. An internationally visible Taiwan is a strong Taiwan.

Today, Taiwan remains a major trading partner and friend. Our strong economic and cultural ties go back nearly a hundred years. We hope that this strong bond will continue for another 100 years and more. Congratulations to the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their Centennial National Day.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2011, The Republic of China (Taiwan) celebrates their 100th anniversary and I want to congratulate our friends in Southeast Asia on this most important of milestones.

One hundred years ago a Chinese doctor, Sun Yat-sen, rose up against the Qing rulers of China to free his people from their tight grip. The end result of this uprising led to the formation of what is now known as The Republic of China (Taiwan).

Over these last 100 years, Taiwan has become a beacon of democracy in the Pacific and a champion for peace and human rights in that part of the world. Taiwan is a strong proponent of the same freedoms we enjoy here in the United States such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion.

Taiwan's President, Ma Ying-jeou is also to be congratulated for his work in maintaining peace in the Pacific by reducing tension with China, their neighbors along the Taiwan Strait.

Again, congratulations to Taiwan. We look forward to our continued friendship over the next 100 years and beyond.

KEEP AMERICA'S WATERFRONTS WORKING ACT OF 2011

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, coastal communities across this Nation are in trouble. Economically important working waterfront jobs are disappearing. Businesses that require access to the water are closing their doors, fishing wharves are being turned into condos. And, the cultural identity of our waterfront communities is dissolving.

I live in a community built around a working waterfront. My friends and neighbors on North

Haven need access to the coastline to land their lobsters, store their bait, load and unload their lobster traps. They need a place to keep their skiffs and park their trucks. Elsewhere on the coast, working waterfronts are critical connections between the ocean and land for boat builders, marina operators, aquaculturists, seafood processors, charter boat captains and crew, recreational fishing businesses, and many others who require access to the water. These businesses need to be located on the water and require access to the water for their business models to work. Water dependent, coastal-related businesses are the cultural and economic heart of many of our coastal communities and working waterfronts are quickly disappearing under tremendous pressures from incompatible use and development trends.

Of Maine's 3,300 miles of coastline, less than 20 miles support commercial fishing and other traditional marine-based activities. This small portion of the coastline contributes \$800 million to Maine's economy and provides direct or indirect employment for about 30,000 people. As the coastline became more developed, traditional uses disappeared, giving way to condos, summer houses, and other non-compatible uses. These changes in how coastal communities use their land present one of the primary challenges facing Maine's working waterfronts.

This problem is not unique to Maine, it occurs on all of our coasts and in the Great Lakes region. Across the country, working waterfront jobs are quickly disappearing under the tremendous pressure communities face from conversion to incompatible uses. Once these businesses close, once the waterfronts and waterways stop supporting water dependent businesses, the businesses do not come back. And, many states and local communities have recognized this dangerous trend and are taking action to preserve waterfront dependent businesses. In recognition of the national importance of working waterfronts, local community and state representatives have come together to form a national working waterfronts and waterways council that has helped put on symposiums that bring people to the table with the tools and knowledge needed to develop sustainable working waterfronts around the Nation. But, local communities and states need help at the federal level.

It is time to help maintain working waterfronts through a federally authorized program that will serve to support, implement, and further develop working waterfront preservation efforts across the nation. That is why I am introducing legislation with Representatives ROBERT E. ANDREWS, EARL BLUMENAUER, MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO, LOIS CAPPS, DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN, GERALD E. CONNOLLY, SAM FARR, BOB FILNER, WILLIAM R. KEATING, BARBARA LEE, MIKE MCINTYRE, JAMES P. MORAN, PEDRO R. PIERLUISI, MICHAEL QUIGLEY, LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER, PAUL TONKO, and LYNN C. WOOLSEY that encourages states to seriously think about these areas and how to best protect them. While recognizing the common problem of disappearing waterfront access for businesses, this program will also provide the flexibility that different states and local governments need to address working waterfronts around the Nation.

Our legislation amends the Coastal Zone Management Act to establish a Working Waterfronts program. This legislation embodies

the spirit of the CZMA in that it allows each coastal state to determine what working waterfronts are important to the people of that state, which working waterfronts are most threatened, and who should be protecting them—the state, local or regional government, or a collaborative public-private partnership.

The CZMA was developed as a tool to allow states the flexibility to manage their coasts in a manner that fits that particular coast. The CZMA recognizes separate needs of various coastal states and provides the flexibility to states to manage their coastal resources. The working waterfront program creates a grant program that states can apply for. In order for states to be eligible for a working waterfront grant, the state must have a working waterfront plan that requires a thoughtful, collaborative, public process to identify the value and importance of working waterfronts. This bill is not designed to require states to undergo a completely new or comprehensive planning process but rather to utilize existing information, planning, and programs at state and local levels to the greatest extent possible. Finally, the bill provides technical assistance to the states to develop these plans as well as other tools to protect working waterfronts.

Maintaining working waterfronts preserves and creates coastal jobs, but also jobs beyond the water's edge. Waterfront and waterway businesses support entire economies that depend on the American tradition of marine-based trades. The Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2011 will serve to maintain jobs in our communities and maintain the American tradition of coastal and waterways industry.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALLY COLEMAN FROMME

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cally Coleman Fromme, Executive Vice President of Zarsky Lumber Company in Victoria, Texas. Founded in 1928, Zarsky Lumber has ten locations throughout Texas, including Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Harlingen and Los Fresnos, serving builders, contractors and consumers.

On October 26, 2011, Cally Fromme will become the first woman to lead the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) as chair of the board. NLBMDA represents the interests of over 6,000 lumber and building material dealers across the country.

Prior to becoming NLBMDA chair, Cally served as chair-elect and vice chair of NLBMDA. She also served as chair of the Association's Regulatory, Codes and Standards Committee and as president of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas and Louisiana, becoming the first woman to hold that position as well.

A native of Victoria, Texas, Cally graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She has been honored as one of the Magazine of the Golden Crescent's 2010 Top 5 Businesswomen, as a two time Paul Harris Fellowship winner, and as a North American